

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): A method of repelling ticks and mites comprising applying to a product, area or surface desired to be free of ~~arthropods~~ ticks and mites, a repellent composition comprising at least one portion of the plant *Vitex agnus-castus* selected from the group consisting of extracts of said plant, parts of said plant, and combinations thereof.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein portions or extracts of the plant *Vitex agnus-castus* are selected from the group consisting of semen, fruits, leaves, stalks, roots, and combinations thereof.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The method of claim 28 wherein the product, area, or surface desired to be free of ~~arthropods~~ ticks and mites is selected from the group consisting of textiles, furs, food, and agricultural products.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises at least one dermatologically acceptable carrier.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises at least one ingredient used for skin care of humans or animals.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises at least one perfume.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises an antioxidant.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The method of claim 34 wherein the antioxidant is selected from selected from the group consisting of 6-O-palmitoyl-L-ascorbic acid, 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methylphenol, and combinations thereof.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises a UV absorber.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of claim 36 wherein the UV absorber is selected from the group consisting of titanium oxide, octyl methoxycinnamate, and combinations thereof.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of claim 28 wherein the composition further comprises a second repellent compound.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The method of claim 38 wherein the second repellent compound is selected from the group consisting of N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide; dimethyl phthalate; N,N-diethylbenzamide; 2-ethyl-hexane-1,3-diol; p-methane-3,8-diol; isopulegol; 1-piperidine carboxylic acid; hydroxy-ethyl-isobutyl piperidine-carboxylate; essential oils of plants other than Vitex agnus-castus; derivatives of the foregoing, and combinations of all of the foregoing.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of claim 28 wherein the product, area or surface desired to be free of ~~arthropods~~ ticks and mites is selected from the group consisting of skin, hair, and clothes.

Claims 41-42 (cancel)

Claim 43 (previously presented): A repellent composition for repelling ticks and mites, comprising extracts, and/or parts of the plant Vitex agnus-castus, and a component selected from

the group consisting of N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide dimethyl phthalate, 2-ethyl-hexane-1,3-dol, isopulegol, 1-piperidine carboxylic acid, hydroxy-ethyl-isobutyl-piperidine-carboxylate, and combinations thereof.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The composition of claim 43 further comprising components for protection of food, animals, plants or stored materials.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The composition of claim 43, wherein the portions of the plant or extracts are selected from the group consisting of semen, fruits, leafs, stalks, roots and combinations thereof.

Claims 46-52 (canceled)